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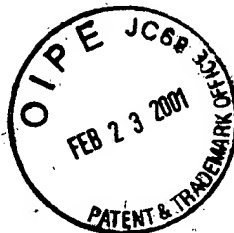
In re the Application of:

OHMI et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 23, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2000, for one month from January 23, 2001 to February 23, 2001.

Attached please find a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$820.00) to cover the cost of the extension (\$110.00) and to cover the cost of the CPA (\$710.00). In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

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